

Year 2 curriculum newsletter

Autumn 2 2023

History:

Monarchs

The monarchy in the UK has been under much change recently, with the new King Charles III coronated earlier this year. The children will be able to put faces to names in the current royal family and understand the role of monarchy with our system. As in history, we shall go back and look at the chronology of the time leading up to the modern day and explore Queen Victoria's reign and the important parts of this, including the great exhibition and the British Empire.

In the first week, we shall also be exploring the gunpowder plot and what this has to do with fireworks night. We shall be taking a keen interest on how we stay safe for this celebration.

Science:

Children will continue to study everyday materials and understand their uses a little bit more.

Maths:

This half term we will primarily studying addition and subtraction, continuing our learning from last half term and crossing within and across 10.

We shall also look at properties of shape and the children will be able to recognise 2D and 3D shapes and be able to name their properties. This includes vertices, sides and lines of symmetry.

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Children will be looking at symbols used with the Christian and Jewish faith and how these relate to certain ceremonies within the religious calendar.

Music

Children will study music with a theme of space, exploring dynamics, timbre, tempo and motifs. They will then look at a few Christmas songs.

Art:

This half term, children will be able to explore and draw. They shall explore the natural environment and create various drawings using some artistic skills. **Children will need their outdoor learning kit with the increased exploration of our school environment.**

Reading:

This half term we will continue building up a range of reading skills and explore different texts. Children should be reading with increased accuracy and fluency. We will continue to develop key reading skills such as; retrieval of information from a text, sequencing, vocabulary, making inferences and predicting what might happen in a story. **It is vital that children read at home daily and that this is recorded in their home/school books.** When listening to your child read, we encourage you to ask questions such as; what has happened so far? What do you think might happen next? Who are the characters? What do you think ____ means?

Phonics words will be sent home each week to practice the sound the children are working on.

Writing:

This half term, children will get stuck into writing about space. We shall study the excellent books 'Bob the man on the moon' and a selection of humorous poems about aliens. Children will be able to:

- Respond to a text, innovating it.
- Describe a fictional character.
- Write a non-chronological report on materials.
- Explore poems
- Revise nouns and adjectives and be introduced to adverbs.